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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO OSD

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: NATO, NPOL
SUBJECT: NATO LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM

REF: STATE 110035

1. SCHMIDT, APEL AND CALLAGHAN, ACCORDING O MIKE QUINLAN AND ROGER FACER WHOM WE CONTACTED FIRST THING THIS MORNING, DISCUSSED THE LTDP AND COMMON PACKAGES APPROACH ONLY IN UNSPECIFIC TERMS, "ALMOST ATMOSPHERICALLY" ACCORDING TO QUINLAN. NEITHER AT PRIME MINISTERIAL OR DEFENSE MINISTERIAL LEVELS WAS THERE A DISCUSSION OF DETAILS, BUT AT BOTH, WE ARE TOLD, THERE WAS MUCH EMPHASIS AND THERE SEEMED TO BE CLOSE ACCORD ON THE GENERAL THRUST DESCRIBED IN MY PREVIOUS MESSAGE AND ON THE NEED FOR A HIGHLY POSITIVE SUMMIT OUTCOME ON THE LTDP.

2. QUINLAN HAS GIVEN US A DRAF CALLAGHAN STATEMENT (PARA 4, BELOW) PREPARED FOR USE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN DISCUSSING THE TALKS AS A WHOLE. THOUGH THE PM DID
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NOT USE THE STATEMENT, QUINLAN SAYS MULLEY APPROVED IT AND IT WAS CLEARED WITH STUTZLE OF THE FRG MOD, WHO SAID IT WELL REFLECTED THE FRG VIEW.

3. IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC LANGUAGE ON LTDP AND THE COMMON PROGRAM PACKAGE APPROACH, I SUGGEST YOU SEND IT ALONG AND WE WILL TRY TO SELL IT TO MULLEY. I AM SURE

THAT IF HE SIGNS ON, HE COULD ALSO BE PERSUADED TO PRESS
THE LANGUAGE WITH THE GERMANS, WHO WILL PERHAPS BE MORE
AMENABLE TO UK PERSUASION, GIVEN THEIR PRESENT MOOD.
THE MULLEY-APEL CHANNEL MAY BE A GOOD BET FOR A LOT OF
BUSINESS ON DEFENSE ISSUES PRIOR TO THE SUMMIT.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF DRAFT STATEMENT:

WE ALSO DISCUSSED OUR SHARED SECURITY INTERESTS WITHIN
THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. WE AGREE
IN REGARDING A FIRM AND SUSTAINED DEFENSE EFFORT AS
A VITAL PARTNER ALONGSIDE THE SEARCH FOR WIDER ARMS
CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE ALLIANCE'S DRIVE FOR BETTER
SECURITY. WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE NATO LONG
TERM DEFENSE PROGRAMME ON WHICH WORK WAS LAUNCHED AT LAST
YEAR'S SUMMIT IN LONDON AND WE SHARE THE BELIEF THAT THE
SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH MUST ACHIEVE POSITIVE
AND REALISTIC RESULTS FROM THIS PROGRAMME. WE ATTACH
PARTICULAR VALUE TO ELEMENTS WHICH COULD IMPROVE BALANCED
ALLIANCE COLLABORATION, AND ENSURE THAT WE ALL GET THE
BEST VALUE WE CAN IN COLLECTIVE SECURITY FROM THE HEAVY
ECONOMIC BURDENS THAT DEFENCE IMPOSES. WE ARE KEEN TO
SEE MORE TRAFFIC ALONG THE "TWO-WAY STREET" BETWEEN
EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES IN EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT.
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